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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shimoji et al.

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AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2010 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and response begin on page 5 of this paper.